

July 19, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group  
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to encourage you to support the efforts of LightSquared, a broadband wireless company that introduces wireless broadband service integrated with a next-gen satellite service across the country, including in Hawaii.

As a Chair of the Native Hawaiian Education O'ahu Island Council, I am worried about our children's education. I know that the availability of a strong and reliable broadband service is critical to giving our children the opportunities they will need to learn and work in this wired world.

New ways of deploying and improving broadband here in Hawaii is probably the most important issue facing our economy and educational system. In fact, Hawaii's next generation's economic recovery depends on companies like LightSquared – which will invest \$14 billion in its network and generate tens of thousands of jobs as it brings state-of-the-art high-speed wireless capacity to at least 260 million people to every corner of the country. As a country, we must remain globally competitive, and LightSquared's planned service certainly facilitates that.

Unfortunately, it appears that LightSquared's plans may be delayed due to complaints about interference caused by faulty GPS device receivers that manufacturers don't want to fix. I urge the Federal Communications Commission to address these complaints equitably and expediently given the urgent need to bring spectrum online for wireless broadband purposes.

Ultimately, in enabling use of both GPS and LightSquared services, please facilitate outstanding interference issues quickly so that our economy and our telecommunications infrastructure can begin to benefit from LightSquared's investments as soon as possible, for the future of Hawaii's and our nation's children.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Respectfully,

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